

REMARKS

Claims 14-18 are pending. A Final Office Action mailed July 22, 2009 rejected Claims 14, 15, and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and objected to Claims 14 and 15. Applicant hereby amends Claims 14, 15, and 18 and cancels Claims 16 and 17. Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Final Office Action rejected Claims 14 and 15 as being anticipated by Caronni et al. (hereinafter Caronni).

Applicant hereby amends independent Claims 14, 15, and 18 to include the subject matter of Claims 16 and 17, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Claims 16 and 17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 14, 15, and 18 are now allowable.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections, allowance, and early passage through issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's agent listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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